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NMFS ANNOUNCES THE LARGE COASTAL SHARK STOCK ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the date and location of the Assessment workshop, the second of three workshops that will be held as part of the large coastal shark (LCS) stock assessment to be conducted in 2005/2006. The Assessment workshop will start at 1 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2006, and will conclude at 1 p.m. on Friday, February 10, 2006, and will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Coconut Grove, 2649 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33133. At this workshop, quantitative population analyses are developed and refined and population parameters are estimated. Datasets that will be used in the Assessment workshop were documented, analyzed, reviewed, and compiled during the Data workshop, which was held from October 31 through November 4, 2005, in Panama City, Florida.

Prospective participants and observers will be contacted with the Assessment workshop details. This workshop is open to the public. Persons interested in participating or observing the Assessment workshop should contact Julie Neer at (850) 234-6541.

This Assessment workshop will be conducted in a manner similar to the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) process. More information on the SEDAR process can be found at <http://www.sefsc.noaa.gov/sedar/>. The final workshop, the Review workshop, will be held at a later date. The time and location of this workshop will be announced in a Federal Register notice.

This FAX notice is a courtesy to Atlantic shark fishery interests to keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. For further information, contact Karyl Brewster-Geisz at 301-713-2347.

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